

REMARKS

In paragraph 1 of the final Action, claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. In view of the rejection, claim 11 has been amended.

In paragraph 2 of the final Action, claims 1, 2, 4 and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoshi et al. or Yamauchi et al. However, in paragraph 3 of the final Action, claims 3 and 6 were allowed, and claims 5 and 7-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.


In view of the rejection and indication of allowability, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 7, and claim 7 has been cancelled. Also, claims 2 and 8 have been slightly amended.

It is believed that claims pending in the application including claims withdrawn from the application are patentable over the prior art references.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

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